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Outstanding Meet In Dallas

Southern Baptists held their one hundred eighth session in Dallas last week. It was the largest convention of their history, with more than 16,000 messengers registered, and in the opinion of some leaders, was the best meeting of recent years. The weather was perfect, the auditorium was too small, the sessions were often crowded to overflow, but the program was outstanding from the opening session on Tuesday evening, to the final tap of the gavel on Friday night. The full story is told in the following session by session report.

OPENING SESSION

Expectancy always permeates the air as the moment

approaches for another session of the convention to begin. It is still thirty minutes until the gavel will sound for the opening, but already this 10,000 seat coliseum is almost full, and hundreds more are streaming in.

The Dallas Coliseum is circular in shape, with a double balcony, the upper one completely encircling the building, while the lower one runs from one end of the stage area around to the other. The floor area is solidly filled with chairs. When Southern Baptists accepted the invitation to come to Dallas for this session, there was promise of a much larger auditorium. It is now understood that this was the building where the pas-

tor's conference was held, and even though larger, it is far from downtown, and the SBC convention committee felt that the downtown auditorium was better, even though it seats only 10,000. Texas Baptists pack this auditorium with their meetings here, so a Southern Baptist convention completely overflows it as is being done tonight. (It was announced later that both the auditorium and the adjacent theater were filled to capacity, and still hundreds or thousands could not get in.) Few auditoriums in America are large enough to care for this convention, for it is one of the largest annual gatherings in the nation.

Tonight a huge stage cov-

ers the front of the auditorium arrangement. In front of that are the organ and piano, and a large area of press tables. More than a hundred representatives of the press are here, including Southern Baptist editors and a large cross section of the daily press and other news media reporters.

Music

To the left of the main platform, is a much higher platform, perhaps fifteen feet above the floor level. There tonight is the orchestra of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and behind it a great choir combining several choirs from the church. Stirring music filled the hall in the half hour before the sessions began. Great music is always a part of the convention, and it seems evident in the very beginning that this convention will be no exception.

To the left of the platform in the lower balcony area is a section marked for the deaf. Already an interpreter is at work there, and a large number of deaf friends completely fill the area.

On the ground floor, under the auditorium, is a giant book store and exhibit area. All convention agencies and many state agencies such as colleges present exhibits. This is a popular place, both for browsing and for fellowship with friends.

Just behind and above the speakers platform is a banner with the three words, "Proclaiming and Witnessing." This will be the theme of the convention.

Even though most of the thousands of messengers have spent the last two days in traveling, or in attendance of the pre-convention meetings, including the Pastor's Conference, the WMU Convention, and several other meetings, they tonight appear fresh and eager for the convention itself to begin. It is the reason and purpose for their being here.

Session Begins

At exactly seven o'clock, the president, Wayne Dehoney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, rapped the desk with the gavel and the convention session began. He immediately called the convention to prayer for the missionaries and other Baptists now in Cuban prisons, and for other Baptists.

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OFFICERS OF THE Southern Baptist Convention, elected in Dallas, are (from left) First Vice President M. B. Carroll, pastor of East Grand Baptist Church of Dallas; President Wayne Dehoney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn. and Second Vice President Leobardo Estrada, New York City language missions director for the Home Mission Board.



DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS, of Jackson, was elected as chairman of the convention's Executive Committee at its Dallas meeting. New officers are, from left: Dr. Hudgins; Rang W. Morgan, Kansas, vice-chairman; Howard P. Giddens, Georgia, recording secretary (re-elected), and Dr. Porter Routh, the convention's executive secretary-treasurer.

SBC Highlight Report

DALLAS, Texas — High spiritual hours, far-reaching plans, a fresh new outlook and spirit, coupled with a record high registration and budget, marked the 108th session of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Memorial Auditorium here June 1-4.

The convention enthusiastically reelected its president, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., who had vividly set the tone for the session at its opening Tuesday night with a call for emphasis on the major task of "reaching people for Jesus Christ."

Looking optimistically to the future the body asked its two major mission boards to consider the possibility of a gigantic simultaneous evangelistic crusade for the American Hemisphere in 1970.

Reports of the body's agencies generally were excellent, with the Foreign Mission Board on Thursday night presenting a most effective program with the announcement

The convention expressed its disapproval of an ambassador or a personal representative of the President of the United States to the Vatican and voted down a motion for the convention to send an official observer to the next Vatican Council in Rome.

Hudgins Honored

A Mississippian was signalingly honored when the convention's Executive Committee in its Dallas meeting unanimously elected W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson as its chairman. This is considered one of the most important posts in the SBC.

In the area of religious liberty the messengers passed a motion to send a telegram to the U. S. Office of Education and President Johnson expressing "concern that proper safeguards be taken to assure that provisions of this act (1965 Education Act) are not used to open the door to violations of separation of church and state."

The body adopted the report of Resolutions Committee, a digest of which is carried in another column.

The convention received the report of its Christian Life Commission which carried no recommendations but included a strongly-worded hope that Southern Baptists will play a more active role in "seeking specific cures for such racial ailments as per-

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State People Active At Dallas Meeting

DALLAS, Texas — While no Mississippi Baptist had a regular speaking part on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, June 1-4, a number from the state had prominent parts in convention and convention-related activities.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, was unanimously elected as president of the Executive Committee of the convention at its organization meeting Thursday afternoon for the coming year.

Seated as a new member of the committee from Mississippi was T. Cooper Walton of Jackson, succeeding Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, whose term of service automatically expired.

Other new members of boards, committees and commissions were:

Home Mission Board—Rev. James Richardson, Leland, succeeding Rev. Charlie Webb who has left the state. Brotherhood Commission—Rev. G. C. Cox, Jackson, and Education Commission, Troy Mohon, Clinton.

Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee and Committee on North American Baptist Fellowship — Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson.

Named to the Committee on Boards for next year's convention were Dr. T. R. McKibbens, Laurel and Moran M. Pope, Jr., Hattiesburg.

Bryan, McCall Serve Serving on the Committee on Committees were Dr. Clyde C. Bryan, Hattiesburg and Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg.

Dr. Howard Aultman, Columbia, was on the Committee on Order of Business while Owen Cooper was named to the Resolutions Committee.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs, led the benediction on Tuesday night.

In the related meetings several Mississippians were honored. Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson was elected as president of the Alumni Association of Southern Seminary.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley was named as president of the newly-formed Southern Baptist Association of Superintendents of Missions.

Dr. Joe H. Tuten of Jackson was elected as vice-president of the Alumni Association of New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Donald Winters of Hattiesburg was elected as a vice-president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Association.

8,000 Attend WMU Convention

DALLAS — The Woman's Missionary Union was pictured here Monday, May 31 as a missions-centered organization desiring recognition as an integral part of the entire church and denomination.

About 8,000 women attending the annual two-day meeting of WMU in Dallas Memorial Auditorium heard missions leaders, preachers and their own president call on them to "take a giant step forward" in meeting the challenges of a fast-changing world.

Mrs. Robert Fling, who was re-elected president of the 1,500,000-member organization, helped construct WMU's changing image in her presidential address against maintaining the status quo.

The WMU president, whose husband is pastor of First

Baptist Church, Cleburne, Tex., reminded the women that stubborn resistance to change may mean rejection of opportunity.

"WMU members are an integral part of the church and denomination," she said. "Our interest is in the entire church. We can never subscribe to a philosophy of aloofness or separation."

Mrs. Fling warned that church organizations may find themselves listed in the obituary columns, having outlived their usefulness if they don't perform their church jobs well.

Pointing to "America's treatment of minority groups as a stumbling block to missions," Mrs. Fling told the missions-minded women that "we are held accountable unto God for Christlike attitudes, responsible action, and persistent prayer for all men created in the image of God—some of them black."

The need for Southern Baptists to make their message relevant to a changing world was a common thread in messages of home and foreign missionary leaders and Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, said the principal changes which affect the Baptist witness include secularization, urbanization and population change.

"Automation and giant industries have tended to reduce the value attached to the individual," Rutledge said. "He (the individual) is lost in the midst of throngs on the expressways and on the buses."

Called for Concern Rutledge called for ac-

celerated concern and service on the home front, "because today's needs are greater than those of any previous generation."

Hitting "lip-service" type of religion, Rutledge said, "Our society expresses a faith in religion, but only a minority expresses a meaningful faith in Christ." The great metropolitan complexes in the east, along the Great Lakes and in California were labeled key missions fields by the speakers.

Fred B. Moseley, assistant to Rutledge, said great cities dominate American culture with their highly competitive, impersonal and largely irreligious society. "Many new churches and missions need to be established," he said. "More effective techniques and approaches need to be developed."

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Committee On Resolutions Report Adopted

(CONDENSED)

"Operation Penetration" In his 1965 address to the Southern Baptist Convention, President Wayne Dehoney challenged the churches, the Convention, all agencies, boards, commissions, institutions, and organizations to unite in "Operation Penetration"—a planned and co-ordinated effort to accelerate the preaching and teaching of God's Word throughout the world.

Individual Baptists and (Continued on page 5)



STAGE VIEW during Woman's Missionary Union convention in Dallas.

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tists suffering persecution there.

The opening congregational songs were "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" led by Eugene Sutherland, Music Director of First Church, Jackson, Tenn. Individuals who never have heard the singing of a great convention group, have missed a stirring spiritual experience.

After the reading of the scripture and prayer, T. A. Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, gave an address of welcome, telling something of Texas Baptist history, and of the work today. He extended a hearty Texas welcome. Response was by James C. Cammack Jr., of North Carolina, who said, "World conditions are such that the odds may seem to be against the very purpose of this meeting, but the early Christians were faced with some odds too. God help us to match our spirits with the surroundings."

The secretary reported that at the time of the opening of the session, more than 11,000 messengers had been enrolled, and indications were that this would be the largest session in Southern Baptist history.

The order of business was adopted, and then the president presented the officers. First vice-president is Roy D. Gresham of Maryland, and Second vice-president is Gregory Walcott of California. Secretaries are Joe Burton and Fred Kendall of Nashville, and treasurer is Porter Routh of Nashville.

The president announced the Committee on Committees, the Resolutions Committee, and the Tellers. Mississippians on the Committee on Committees are Clyde Bryan of Hattiesburg and John G. McCall of Vicksburg. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City was named on the Resolutions Committee.

Two features of each opening session are the convention sermon and the president's address.

The preacher for this year is John Halderman of Miami, Fla., with Landrum Leavell of Wichita Falls, Texas, (former Mississippian) as alternate. Dr. Leavell read the scripture and then Dr. Halderman preached on "The Essentials of Our Proclamation and Witness." Pointing his message to the preaching of our churches he urged Southern Baptists to let their preachers be a preacher of the Word instead of an ecclesiastical bellboy.

He advised the preachers to give attention to doctrine, dynamics and discipline as they serve the churches.

After congregational singing and another period of special music by the Sanctuary-Chapel Choirs and the orchestra of First Baptist Church, Dr. Dehoney delivered the president's address.

The president brought a stirring and challenging message, calling on Southern Baptists to return to their main job of sharing their faith with other people. Speaking on "Issues and Imperatives" he urged the convention to enter into a great program of evangelism on three fronts—the world, the nation and the churches. This message was published in full in last week's issue of the Record.

Dr. Earl Kelly of Holly Springs, closed the session with prayer.



A RAP OF THE President's gavel, wielded by Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., opens the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Wednesday was a bright warm day in Dallas and the messengers were streaming toward the auditorium at an early hour. The experience of last night, when hundreds were turned away from both the auditorium and the overflow auditorium, led people to come early to get a seat. The 10,000 seats were almost all taken when the session opened at 9 a. m.

After the devotional period, the convention entered into its first business session. Several resolutions were offered, which will be covered in the resolutions committee report to be presented on Friday.

One resolution which was dealt with immediately was a special message to President Castro of Cuba, protesting the imprisoning of the Baptist missionaries and leaders in Cuba, and urging that they be freed.

The first important report for the session was that of the Executive Committee. Most important recommendation was the budget for 1966, which was presented by Mississippian Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of First Church, Jackson. This budget was for \$21,800,000, the largest ever adopted by the convention.

In this budget \$10,000,000 is for foreign missions, and \$3,203,000 for home missions. The seminaries will receive above \$3,600,000.

The budget was adopted without very much discussion.

Election

The time now had come for election of officers, and Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., was re-elected president without opposition.

They then elected M. B. Carroll, pastor of the East Grand Baptist Church of Dallas, as first vice-president.

Nominees for second vice-president were Dick Hall, Atlanta, Ga., pastor; Leonardo Estrada of New York City, Southern Baptist home missions worker; and Maj. General Robert P. Taylor of Washington, chief of chaplains for the U. S. Air Force. Results of the election were to be announced at a later session.

Messengers heard the first two of 25 reports scheduled by their agencies and committees during the four-day meeting. They were by the Brotherhood Commission, of Memphis, Tenn., which provides a missionary education program for men and boys, and the Annuity Board of Dallas.

Highlights of the Brotherhood report included accounts of the West Coast Laymen's Crusade which attracted 892 Baptist laymen to California, Oregon and Washington for five days of extensive witnessing and a Royal Ambassador project which involved repairing two Baptist churches in Mexico.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, told of a new health benefit plan now being offered to denominational workers. Its features include major medical coverage in addition to regular hospitalization and surgical benefits, continued coverage after a person retires, and the same cost regardless of where a member serves.

The health program is scheduled to go into effect Oct. 1 with enrollment to close Sept. 1.

Reed said the Board paid

almost \$3½ million in benefits to annuitants in 1964, \$182,558 to relief beneficiaries alone.

Funds held in trust for more than 35,000 ministers, church and denominational employees increased more than \$15 million to a record \$135,354,421, Reed said.

James L. Sullivan, Mississippian head of Southern Baptists' giant Sunday School Board, challenged messengers to go bear hunting in their quest for spiritual progress.

"Baptists are the type of people who like a challenge," said Sullivan, executive secretary of the 26-program Baptist agency at Nashville, Tennessee. "They will not play mumblety-peg, but they will go bear hunting."

Baptists will adjust to change if they see that change is good for them, Sullivan predicted. But he told the messengers they would have to supply the guidance and instructions.

Sullivan's address wound up the morning session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Wednesday afternoon was set by the order of business committee as "free time," but all that meant was that there was no session in the main auditorium.

The annual seminary luncheons were held at noon, and thousands of loyal alumni attended these. Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Mississippi was elected president of the Southern Seminary alumni group. Dr. Joe Tuten of Calvary, Jackson, was made vice-president of the New Orleans organization.

Many messengers traveled by bus and car to Fort Worth where the Radio and Television Commission dedicated its new headquarters building.

The 42,000-square-foot building, costing \$720,000, contains offices, a studio, radio-television production areas, and printing and warehouse facilities. A feature of the program was direct radio communications and greetings from points on all continents.

Thousands of other messengers gathered for an evangelistic rally promoted by the Southern Baptist Association of Evangelists. Here an overflow crowd for more than three and one-half hours, heard soul-stirring messages by some of the nation's outstanding evangelists.

Also during the afternoon receptions were held honoring both foreign and home missionaries, and hosts of messengers attended those.

Perhaps other messengers shopped or did some sightseeing. Anyway, the "free" afternoon was a busy one.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Highlights of the Wednesday night session were the reports of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Radio and Television Commission, and the Home Mission Board.

The WMU report revealed the gains the convention auxiliary has made during the year, and some of the plans made for the future.

The Radio and Television Commission report was presented by the director, former Mississippian, Paul M. Stevens. In an impressive visual presentation with screen and voice, the growth and world reach of this agency in preaching the gospel to the whole world, was given.

The Home Mission Board report was brought by Dr. Arthur Rutledge, Executive Secretary, who was chosen during the past year. He announced that the number of home missionaries under appointment is now above 2300, but that many more are needed. He presented the need for more missionaries, as the home mission program continues to expand, especially into the great city areas of the nation.

The evening was climaxed by a message on evangelism by Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board. He advised messengers to get out of the baptism "rat race" if they are equating results with success.

Cautioning Southern Baptists to examine their motives for proclaiming the Gospel, Autrey, a pastor and former seminary professor, said success and baptismal results may not be the same.

"There are but two true evangelistic motives: the love of Christ and the indwelling



A TEXAS WELCOME is extended SBC messengers, Pastor and Mrs. Ted Dougherty of the Oakhurst Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga. by M. B. Carroll, pastor of Dallas' East Grand Baptist Church.



DEDICATION of Radio and Television Commission Building from helicopter.

of the Holy Spirit," the Atlanta denominational leader declared.

THURSDAY MORNING

The session was opened with prayer for the astronauts who had just been placed in orbit.

It was announced that the messengers had chosen Denver, Colorado, as the site of the 1970 convention. Next year's meeting will be in Detroit. Several resolutions and motions were offered including one urging abolishment of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission for spreading interracial propaganda.

The resolution was referred to the Convention Resolution Committee, as all resolutions must be.

William Manlius Nevins, 92-year-old retired minister from Lexington, Ky., offered the resolution, but because of the silver-haired man's difficulty in seeing, it was read by Carey Daniel, pastor of First Baptist Church of West Dallas, Texas.

Two resolutions calling for Baptist opposition to movies and publications that present "adultery and illicit love in a favorable light" were introduced and also referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Also referred to committee was a resolution, asking that no one be allowed to pass out opinionated literature on issues facing the convention without signing his name to the material. Another resolution urging support of a Baptist evangelistic effort in 1970 in South America also was offered.

A motion to set up a committee to study the possibility of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention to a name which would more adequately express the nationwide character of the convention was submitted by Charles Chaney of Palatine, Ill., and referred to the Committee on Order of Business for program scheduling.

The convention completed its balloting on the second vice-president. Elected was Leobardo Estrada, a home missionary to the Spanish speaking people of the New York area. Clifton J. Allen was elected recording secretary, replacing Joe Burton, who asked not to be re-elected. Fred Kendall was re-elected registration secretary,

and Porter Routh was re-elected treasurer.

A brisk question-and-answer session blossomed out of the Sunday School Board's annual report presented by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of Baptists' largest agency, and his associates. Some of these questions were:

Q—When can we pull away from using the uniform lesson series and avoid paying the big fee to the National Council of Churches?

A—The fee is paid to a uniform lesson series of which Baptists have been a member since 1891. What Southern Baptists pay amounts to one postage stamp per church per year. In the fall of 1966, the Sunday School Board will have materials not found on the outline in the form of the Life and Work Curriculum. Churches will be able to choose.

Q—When is the Sunday School Board going to bring its literature in line with Baptist teaching in such areas as race?

A—We're trying to do what the Convention told us to do in 1947 when it laid down the guidelines for the Sunday School Board to follow. If we're wrong, the Convention is wrong, because we're following your instructions. The Board stays under constant attack from both extremes.

Sullivan apologized for a book, which he called "salacious in nature" that was listed in a Training Union quarterly in 1964. "We don't mention the name of the writer because that's the best way to sell books," he said. He said he did not agree with the book.

Sullivan said the book crept into the listings as a result of four different editorial workers having to assume responsibility for the quarterly during the month it was published.

Seminaries

Reports of Southern Baptists' six seminaries were next. They presented last year's accomplishments and next year's plans.

Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., reported 175 graduates in 1964, raising to 1,640 the number which have graduated there since 1964.

Southern Seminary's report told of an enrolment of 1,150,

an increase of 46 students.

New Orleans Seminary reported its \$600,000 library expansion project has been approved by seminary trustees and construction will begin in November.

Feature of Midwestern Seminary's report was the disclosure that the American Association of Theological Schools has accredited the Kansas City institution.

The report of Golden Gate Seminary at Mill Valley, California, emphasized a denominational research project on urban witnessing planned for 1965-66. A task force of seminary faculty, pastors, and state convention staff members will survey and study in six major areas.

The report of Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth told of enrolling 1,964 during 1964 with 418 graduates. It included an account of a laymen's conference which attracted 150 men from four states for a doctrinal study.

Seminary Education

A seminary education must result in Christian action to be orthodox, seminary president Duke McCall, of Louisville, Ky., told messengers in an address on Seminary Education.

Describing the role of the seminary, McCall said the ultimate test of seminary education will be the capacity of its alumni to exhibit the mind of Christ in daily living and to win others to Christ.

"Unless our education issues in action under the banner of world evangelism, it cannot, by biblical criteria, be orthodox, no matter what creed is mouthed, what confession of faith is recited."

The Seminary president said he favors activism among Southern Baptists but he wants it solidly based on biblical teaching and Christian understanding.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON Christian Life Commission

A strongly worded report from the Christian Life Commission expressing hope Southern Baptists will play a more active role in improving race relations was adopted by messengers.

Minutes earlier, the messengers gave this agency an indirect vote of confidence. The Christian Life Commission provides guide lines on social and moral issues.

Both actions, which were approved by more than a two-thirds majority, were in complete contrast to a motion presented earlier to abolish the commission.

A move led by ministers from Alabama and Mississippi to delete the strongest section of the lengthy report on race relations lost decisively.

Last year messengers at Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City adopted a substitute motion authored by Deep South ministers when the Christian Life Commission suggested Southern Baptists take a forthright stand on race.

A similar move this year lost on a standing vote.

Henry L. Lyon, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., offered a motion to amend the commission's report by substituting a statement saying that the local church is competent to deal with any question, social or otherwise.

Frank Owen of Lexington, Ky., offered an amendment to the amendment. It asked that Lyon's suggestion be made a

part of the commission's report as an additional statement instead of a substitution. It passed.

The amendment was: This convention of Baptists recognizes the authority and competency of every local church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in dealing with any question social or otherwise. We further recognize that our main task is to support and promote our programs of world missions and evangelism. We believe that in so expending our efforts we will effect definite solutions for all of our present problems.

Then the entire report of the commission as amended was adopted.

The commission's report, while containing no recommendations, expressed hope that more Southern Baptists will be actively involved in seeking specific cures for personal prejudice, unfair housing practices, discriminatory employment, unequal justice under the law, and denial of voting rights.

North America Fellowship A committee report suggesting Southern Baptists take part in a North American Baptist fellowship was adopted.

The vote was 4911 to 2401.

Heated debate followed the presentation of the report by W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 13,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas.

The 1964 Southern Baptist Convention voted by a narrow margin not to participate in the Fellowship.

The committee recommendation considered by messengers this year is:

(1) That the Southern Baptist Convention accept the invitation of the Baptist World Alliance Executive committee to have representation on its North American Committee.

(2) That representation on the committee be elected by the Convention.

(3) That the Committee on Boards nominate these representatives.

In bringing the report Criswell pointed out the North American Committee would have no authority over any Baptist church or group and would do no work for which member bodies are responsible.

"Our Baptist brethren need encouragement," Criswell said. "An extension of our soul-winning witness is needed immeasurably in the East, North and West."

Chafin

Evangelism professor Kenneth L. Chafin of Louisville Seminary closed the afternoon session with an address on "Evangelism—the Costly Concern."

The community in transition was presented as one of many obstacles to spreading the Gospel. Another is the unconvinced person.

"We need in evangelism to recover the ear of the lost. We've grown our prospects too long. Too long evangelism has been merely the baptizing of the children of our church members," he said.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ also must be presented in the indifferent or hostile atmosphere of a fraternity house, or a shop during the noon hour, or on the front steps of an apartment house, he said.

"We are coming to a day in America when evangelism which confines itself to the church house will be almost totally ineffective," Chafin said.

The evangelism professor reminded the messengers of revival meetings where no lost people attend and of Sunday schools with only Christians enrolled in Bible study.

"It was never within the plan of God that we should build buildings and limit our evangelistic effort to the public proclamation of the gospel in the formal worship services."

However, Chafin saw a new hope for evangelism in the Baptist laymen who are no longer content to spell out their devotion to Jesus Christ by putting in linoleum in the church kitchen.

"The new layman is seeking to discover what is the ministry of every one of God's children. I think the hope of the church and the hope of evangelism in our day is this layman."

THURSDAY NIGHT

Foreign Mission night is always one of the highest hours of the entire Southern Baptist Convention program. This one was no exception.

When the first song began at 7:00 the auditorium was practically packed to capacity, and others were pressing

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for entrance. A Pre-session concert was presented by the Baylor University choir.

After the handling of some miscellaneous business matters, the convention heard a report from the Stewardship Commission, Merrill D. Moore, secretary. He gave recognition to the 40th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, and called for wider and greater support of this great mission program.

Foreign Missions
At eight o'clock, Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board introduced the foreign mission program.

Dr. Cauthen spoke briefly of the board's report of its world-wide work, introduced the missionaries present by groups from the various continents, and introduced some retiring missionaries individually. He then recognized a number of Baptists from foreign countries who were present for the session.

Rufus Lopes, pastor of a large Baptist church in Sao Paulo, Brazil, who, speaking through an interpreter, thrilled the audience with one of the greatest missionary challenges ever presented to the convention.

The Brazilian preacher told of the Brazilian Baptist revival which is now in progress, and which already has had more than 50,000 decisions, with 200,000 more expected before the revival ends. Brazil has only about 250,000 Baptists now.

The Brazilian leader told of the slogan which the Baptists of that land had adopted for the campaign "Christ, the Only Hope" and how this slogan had stirred the nation. He told of speaking before the president, governors, and other leaders of the nation and the presentation of New Testaments and a witness for Christ to all of them.

The Brazilian leader reviewed the mission work of Southern Baptists in Brazil, beginning with the entrance of the first missionary in 1881, and then said, "I have come now for the culminating point of all of your work. Your mission product, now returns to challenge you to a great evangelistic crusade."

Challenge
"I challenge you to join in a Baptist Evangelistic Crusade for all of the Americas in 1969, and for the whole world in 1975."

A philosopher of old said that he could move the world if he had a long enough lever and a solid place to put it."

"We as Baptists have the lever and the foundation. Christ can change the world if he is presented by the New Testament church."

"This is a revolutionary message. Let us join in changing the world with it."

The audience was stirred by this dramatic appeal and challenge and gave a standing response.

Joseph Underwood, head of the evangelism department of the Foreign Mission Board followed the Brazilian visitor,

speaking on "God Is Able" said that revival is stirring in Baptist churches around the world. He told of experiences in Portugal, Lebanon, Malaysia, India, and other areas.

"God is able, Southern Baptists are able to meet world need now. The gospel is the power of God to meet world need."

"This is not a waiting world. It is a revolutionary world, rushing one way or another."

"Southern Baptists must say as these young missionaries have said, 'I will go.'"

Jesse Fletcher, Secretary of Personnel, arose to present the new missionaries. He announced that the missionaries under appointment had passed 2,000.

"A group of 49 young college graduates are ready to undergo intensive training for the new Missionary Journeyman program of two years on a foreign field."

Seventy-two new full missionaries have been appointed in recent months, and 55 more will be considered this summer."

The newly appointed missionaries then marched to the microphone and gave their names and then lined up along the front of the platform. One man gave the testimony for all as to why they were going to a foreign field.

A prayer of dedication of these young people to their world task and an appeal for others to hear God's call closed the session.

It had been one of the finest hours many ever had experienced.

FRIDAY MORNING

The crowd was thinning out as the messengers began to assemble for the Friday morning session. Many of the people had been here since Sunday, or at least Monday, and now time had come to head for home in order to be there for Sunday's services.

Nevertheless several thousand persons were present when the session began. This was the morning for some important business matters, and for the report of the resolutions committee, and interest was widespread among those who were remaining.

In the business session the convention expressed concern about the safeguards against violations to separation of church and state in the 1965 Educational Act.

It passed a motion to send a telegram to the U. S. Office of Education, and to President Lyndon B. Johnson expressing "concern that proper safeguards be taken to assume that provisions of this act are not used to open the door to violations of separations of church and state."

Moyers

Presidential Aide Bill Moyers, an ordained Baptist minister, challenged Southern Baptists Friday to join with the government in lifting up humanity.

"There is so much out there



FOREIGN MISSION appointees present at the convention were presented during the FMB report Thursday night.

in the world to be done that the government alone is unable to meet the challenge. Religious strength must be brought to bear," Moyers said.

The president's top aide said that separation of church and state, long championed by Southern Baptists, does not mean division of spiritual values from secular affairs.

He spoke to the report of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a Baptist agency in Washington, D. C., which deals with religious liberty. His appearance on the program came as surprise to the 9,000 Baptist messengers.

He praised both the Baptist Joint Committee and the convention in session here for the stands they had taken in human relations.

Barry Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said that he felt that the new education law does not authorize any grant of funds or provide services to private or parochial schools.

All of the appropriations for elementary and secondary education will go to public agencies and all such programs will be administered and controlled by public authorities, Garrett explained.

Garrett said Baptists were extremely active in helping produce a law "that is faithful to the best in our American tradition and that is true to the Baptist heritage of freedom."

Resolutions

Human relations and church-state relations headed a list of nine resolutions adopted by messengers.

Several resolutions proposed earlier were referred to appropriate agencies and committees in the denomination, said Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

Two opposing resolutions involving the Christian Life Commission were not brought back, Hobbs said, because the Convention had expressed itself earlier by receiving the Christian Life Commission's report and by approving its budget.

W. M. Nevins of Lexington, Ky., who wants to abolish the Christian Life Commission, called the procedure unparliamentary and demanded that his resolution be read and he be given five minutes to speak on it.

The 82-year-old segregationist preacher lost his bid when the Convention voted overwhelmingly to sustain the action of the Resolutions Committee.

The resolution on church-state relations was amended to express opposition to "any official relationship, diplomatic or otherwise" being established between the United States and the Vatican.

The resolution also urged leaders of Baptist institutions to study church-state principles and issues and to be guided by "their concerns for the Christian witness and the freedom of men."

The Human Relations resolution was amended to that it deplored "open and premeditated violation of civil law, the destruction of property, the violence and taking of life, the shedding of human blood as a means of influence



REV. RUBEN LOPEZ, (right) president of Brazil Baptist Convention and leader of the Brazilian crusade, preaches through an interpreter during the FMB program.

ing legislation and changing social or cultural patterns."

The resolution called on Baptists to provide positive leadership in their communities toward obtaining peaceful compliance with laws assuring equal rights and to go beyond these laws in the practice of Christian love.

A resolution on obscenity rapped "an appalling tendency" among some mass media "to violate the most elementary code of moral decency."

The motion picture was called on to reinstate and honor its own code of decency, and the television industry was urged to reject "its current programming of violence, immorality, and illicit sex in favor of basic moral values without which no nation can long endure."

The resolution urged businessmen to refuse to sell obscene literature and supported enactment of laws where they do not already exist to enable proprietors to refuse objectionable materials from wholesalers.

SS Board

A first-day resolution calling on the Baptist Sunday School Board to avoid printing anything contrary to Southern Baptist doctrine and to examine qualifications of its writers was toned down by the committee.

"The Sunday School Board has acknowledged mistakes and taken steps to prevent their recurrence," said the resolution that was adopted.

The Convention expressed to the Board appreciation and confidence that diligence will continue to be exercised.

Another resolution pledged prayers and interest in the World Evangelism Conference to be conducted by Evangelist Billy Graham in Berlin in the fall of 1968.

The Convention asked its Home and Foreign Mission Boards to study possibilities for a simultaneous evangelistic crusade "throughout the Americas by 1970."

In keeping with President Wayne Dehoney's address on "Operation Penetration," Baptists were urged to rededicate themselves toward accelerating the preaching and teaching of God's word throughout the world.

A resolution offered earlier by Gregory Walcott, television and motion picture actor, was

referred to the Convention's Executive Committee for study.

Walcott, outgoing second vice president of the Convention, proposed a study into the Convention's having a representative in Hollywood to "work positively" toward maintaining good moral standards in films.

The messengers also heard annual reports from the Education Commission, Committee on Baptist State Papers, Southern Baptist Foundation, Chaplains Commission, and Southern Baptist Hospitals.

Rabun Brantley, executive secretary of the Education Commission, said six state Baptist groups are planning new colleges.

George W. Cummins, director of the Chaplains Commission, said the transition of the nation to an urbanized and industrialized society has brought an increased need for a ministry to men within industry, hospitals and prisons. There are 748 Baptist ministers serving the military, veterans Administration, hospitals, other institutions and industry, the report said.

Archer
Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary of Protestants and

Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), told messengers in the closing message of the morning that the education-aid law makes provision for help to private and parochial schools for the first time in the history of this country.

"There has been some stirring recently, even within a few Baptist groups, to accept—and sometimes seek—the delicious meal as generously offered by Uncle Sam," Archer said. "Some would even barter their birthright of freedom as heedlessly as Esau swapped his spiritual blessing."

Archer predicted more and more Baptists will be put to the test where acceptance of tax money is concerned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Convention took action in its final business session Friday to clarify its position on relationships with other groups.

Messengers adopted without dissent a motion presented earlier by W. B. Timberlake of Pomona, California.

Timberlake's motion, coming after messengers voted in favor of representation on the North American Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, asked that the action not be construed as a step toward organic union.

Timberlake said a West Coast newspaper had stated incorrectly that President Dehoney favored organic union.

Dehoney said he did not wish to prejudice the messengers but he wished that the motion might be interpreted as his convictions on the subject. Asked to define organic union, Dehoney called it, "merging of our denomination with other denominations in organic merger."

In other action, a motion by Sid Peterson of Tyler, Texas that Baptist Book Stores not sell the book Message of Genesis by Ralph Elliott, was referred to the Baptist Sunday School Board "for handling according to their judgment." The book triggered a theological controversy in Baptist ranks two years ago. It no longer is published by the Sunday School Board, but is available from another publisher.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, said the issue lay not just with the book but with a conflict of principles.

"The best way to sell 50,000 copies is for us to take a stand against it," Sullivan said in asking the matter to be referred to the Sunday School Board.

Reports were presented from the Historical Commission, Committee on Denominational Calendar, American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission, and the Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation.

The Historical Commission report told of a new 64 page historical periodical, Baptist History & Heritage, which will make its appearance in August.

The report of the Committee on Canadian Cooperation told of general harmony between Baptists in Canada and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist churches in Canada have a membership of about 200,000 in 1,200 churches.

The committee asked to be continued "in view of the contributions being made in this area and the continued need for official channels of communications."

After these agency reports

messengers were given opportunity to ask questions relative to any phase of Southern Baptist work. Agency heads and other leaders served as a panel to give answers.

The session closed with a message by Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and former president of the convention. Music for the session was provided "The Nightingales", choir of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The closing session of the convention saw the auditorium only about two-thirds filled, with possibly 7,000 people present.

Announcement was made that a record breaking 16,116 messengers had enrolled for the convention, coming from throughout the United States.

A chorus and brass ensemble with soloists and narrator presented the world premiere of a new cantata "Proclaim The Word". This cantata was designed and commissioned by the Sunday School Board Church Music Department for the 1968 Southern Baptist emphasis on witness.

The closing message of the convention was delivered by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, who spoke on "Our Mandate from Heaven".

The message was a challenging call for Baptists to hear and heed God's call for proclamation and witness of Jesus Christ as saviour for a lost world.

Criswell listed forces opposing the preaching of the gospel today as including a world crisis, atheistic communism, advance of false religions, the decline of Christian influence, materialism, scholarly cynicism, and the doctrine of universalism.

The preacher said that the Baptist answer to all of this must be a mighty resurgence of witnessing for Jesus Christ. He said the individual, the churches, and the denomination, all are under mandate from God to give that message.

Many of those present felt that it was a stirring climax to a convention which had been characterized by the president as "a revival".

Prayer, closed the session, and the 1968 convention was history.

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"Revival" In Dallas

Southern Baptists have just concluded one of the finest conventions of their recent history.

Whether measured by spiritual power felt, actions taken, plans made, encouraging reports heard from agencies, convictions clearly expressed, outstanding messages delivered, spiritual unity evident even in diversity of opinion, or directions taken, the convention stands out as one of the greatest of this generation.

From beginning to end the whole program centered around the one purpose of giving a positive witness of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour for lost men. Evangelism and missionary concern were emphasized in every session. The urgency for Christian proclamation and witnessing was touched in every message. This was the theme of the convention, and it was most effectively used.

The Baptists in Dallas made very clear the direction in which they are going. There was not the slightest trend toward union or ecumenism. They showed no interest whatever in modern Christian movements which no longer are concerned in "soul-saving" or are teach-

ing the "new universalism." These Baptists revealed that they still believe the authority of the Word of God, the deity and lordship of Jesus Christ, and in the lost condition of the human race. They had one fundamental concern in this convention, and that was to call the churches to a new crusade of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to lost men.

The convention reversed some of its actions of last year, yet showed that it knows which way it intends to go.

It spoke firmly for racial justice and Baptist participation in solution of racial problems, yet stated that it had no authority over the churches, and that final solution must come in the churches themselves.

It voted to participate in the North American Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, but firmly said that this was not a move toward union with any body.

It heard one of the aides of President Johnson (a Southern Baptist) appeal for Christian action in some of the areas in which the government now has programs, but at the same time sent a telegram to the president opposing breach of the church-state relations in government programs. It also passed a resolution opposing any type of government representation, diplomatic or otherwise, to the Vatican.

It had the largest attendance of its history, yet denied to no messenger the right to ask any question, make any motion, or offer any resolution. Only once did we feel that debate was cut off before it should have been, and even then this was not by the presiding officer, but by a two-thirds majority vote of the body itself.

It had a crowded program and long sessions, yet

took the time to handle with deliberation all of the matters before it.

It had much business, and many reports to hear, yet the program was filled with inspirational messages of the highest order.

It was presided over by officers who handled the sessions with firmness, yet with fairness; with dignity, yet with warmth and good humor; and with acceleration, yet without confusion. Never have we seen the presiding officers do a finer job.

On the closing evening, president Wayne Dehoney stated that it had been the prayer of the program committee and the officers, that the Dallas meeting would be like a revival. Many others had been praying for that too.

We feel that those prayers were answered!

Temptation is best dealt with long before it is met.—Charles W. Conn.

The secret of being miserable is to have the leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not.—George Bernard Shaw.

"Worrying won't solve our problems but it will keep us in training to run and hide a while from emergencies."—Douglas Meador, Matador (Tex.) Tribune.

Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to live with it.—Charles Conn.

Waldrop Addresses Religious Ed Meet

DALLAS — "Southern Baptist churches lose more church members from active service every year than American armed forces lost in battle in all the wars of this century," a Baptist Sunday School Board official told religious educators here.

"Correcting this problem requires all the resources of each church," said Earl Waldrop of the Board's Training Union Department. "One important approach is to offer proper orientation for all new church members."

Waldrop characterized a new member orientation program as "perennial for the church, but terminal for the new member." During an orientation period the new member would be taught good churchmanship.

Waldrop was one of a battery of speakers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association at First Baptist Church. Theme was "Our Educational Task." It dealt with the denomination, evangelism, the local church and missions.

Earlier in the session Joe Davis Heacock, dean of religious education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, told the group religious education must be involved in evangelism and missions.

He also frowned upon teachers who use the classroom to "downgrade the work of Southern Baptists. College and seminary teachers can constructively use their positions to evaluate in the light of theology, philosophy and history and help the student arrive at a sound conviction."

Calling Southern Baptist worship "often dead, dull and cheerless," a New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary professor, V. L. Stanfield, gave the remedy for dull worship services as "reopening the springs of gratitude—a grateful heart is a joyous heart."

New Religious Education Association officers include Henry Love, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., president; Lewis Martin, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.; Joe Davis Heacock, dean of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and Howard Foshee of the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, vice-presidents; and Gracie Knowlton, professor at Southwestern Seminary, secretary-treasurer.

In other business actions the group paused to recount the contributions to religious education made by the late J. N. Barnette, long-time head of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and passed three amendments to the constitution.

Marsh Accepts N. O. Position

Rev. W. H. Marsh has been called as associate pastor of Valence Street Church, New Orleans, La. His former pastorate includes First Church, Foxworth, and the Meadow Grove Church, Brandon. In both of those churches he led in the construction of new church plants.

He attended William Carey College in Hattiesburg and New Orleans Theological Seminary.

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CONVENTION SERMON—

The Essentials For Our Proclamation

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I Timothy 4

In keeping with the theme of this Convention and as we face the tremendous opportunities that are before us as Southern Baptists, I would remind you, as Paul reminded Timothy, that the only combination that is equal to our task of Proclamation and witnessing is doctrine, dynamics and discipline.

Proclamation is the supreme item on God's program. Churches today often require so much of their ministers—so many things God never requires—that he has not time to preach the preaching that God bids him.

The first business of the preacher is to preach. He has other functions, but he is first of all a preacher. We hear and read a great deal about "let the church be the church," but I believe it is high time the churches learned to let the preacher be a preacher. He was never meant to be a bellboy.

Paul says, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves, your servants for Jesus' sake." Look at the triangular arrangement of the last half of that verse—"ourselves"—"your servants"—"for Jesus' sake." The preacher is not just the servant of the church—period. He is not a church flunky. He is the servant of the people only insofar and inasmuch as it is for Jesus' sake—that qualifies it.

Proclamation or preaching is God's appointed means of getting out the gospel, and I believe that when it is done right, you do not have to prop it up with anything else. God did not say, "How shall they hear without a brass band?" He said, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Paul said that when he was called, "immediately he conferred not with flesh and blood." Today we do it the other way around. About the first thing we do is to confer with flesh and blood to get man's approval and approbation.

Alexander Whyte said that Paul went through Arabia with Moses and the Psalms and the Prophets in his knapsack, and came back with Romans and Ephesians and Colossians in his heart. Ministers today need to take such a trip or excursion.

Paul makes a threefold appeal to Timothy, and through him to all preachers and concerning all Proclamation.

I. First of all he will have him give attention to DOCTRINE.

Take heed unto doctrine, and to exhort with all long suffering in doctrine. He also reminds him that the time will come when people cannot endure sound doctrine.

Doctrine is frowned upon in many quarters today. In this one tragic sentence we find the explanation for the spiritual poverty of our day. This dearth of vital Christianity is apparent on many sides. Could this be the reason for the present day de-

grading of national politics to the inferior level of expediency rather than that of moral principle?

Recently I heard a preacher say—"We are not interested in doctrines." But what he meant to say was that they were not interested in Biblical doctrine. You see—the philosophy of Karl Marx is doctrine. So is the philosophy of Emanuel Kant, Charles Darwin, John Dewey or Julian Huxley.

However, these man-made doctrines are not what Paul calls sound doctrine, for they are not based on the revelation of God. Jude reminds us that our faith was "once and for all" delivered unto the saints. Sound doctrines of God's Word do not fluctuate. Scientific theories and materialistic philosophies change with the passing days—but the doctrines of God's revelation are constant.

It is easy today to grow weary of the battle and sink into a twilight zone, and into conditions of low visibility where black and white becomes a blend of indefinite gray. My Bible says that we are to walk in white, and it is a sad day when any preacher begins to wear the gray grab of compromise.

What am I to proclaim? "Preach the Word!" When am I to preach it? "In season and out of season." How am I to preach it? "Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." Why am I to preach it? Because the time will come when they cannot take it—Has that time come?

Some of our vague preaching sounds all right. It offends nobody, and it will take you a long way in this world, but this world is not the right world to get a long way in. At the end of the road you meet God, and God always has something to say. This old Book does not almost state the case—when it says it, it stays said.

Just because we have a generation of itching ears instead of burning hearts is no reason we should trim our doctrine to suit general unbelief.

If Timothy was not ready doctrinally, he was not ready—period. A lot of church members would not know the difference if you took a text from the Koran on Sunday morning, but God expects us to know the difference, and God expects us to preach doctrine, good doctrine, sound doctrine—no other doctrine.

II. The second admonition of Paul had to do with DYNAMICS.

"Stir up the gift of God that is within you."

Timothy must have been a timid soul. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Now, if Timothy come, see that he may be with you without fear." I think Timothy had the faith and the facts, but he was out of fire, he was missing in dynamics.

Some Baptists have heat and don't shine, some shine but they do not generate any warmth. Bishop Moore used to say he would rather cool off a fanatic than to warm up a corpse. There is such a

thing as having the facts and faith without the fire.

We have efficiency, but efficiency without His sufficiency is only a deficiency. We are afraid today in some quarters even to talk about being filled with the Spirit, just because some extremists may have gone overboard on the subject. Whatever it is, my friends, most folks don't have it. I would rather a fellow have the wrong terminology and the right experience, than to have it the other way about, though we ought to have both to be sure.

People today like preaching that is shallow—something very light without any demands on the congregation. But if we are going to do New Testament preaching and defend the faith, it has to be done in super-natural power.

We have the gift of God, but to use the figure Paul had in mind here—it may be a fire that needs rekindling. Let me ask you, has the fire of God died down in your soul, and is so covered with ashes that you are scarcely aware of its presence? If so, we must scrape off the ashes and expose the coals and let the breath of the Spirit blow across until the fire is rekindled in our hearts. That is what Paul is telling Timothy.

God save us from being guilty of a cold heart.

III. Finally, Paul exhorts Timothy with regard to DISCIPLINE.

"God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline." (A.S.V.) As weak as we are doctrinally, and as weak as we are in dynamic, we are weakest of all on this.

A New Testament Christian is a believer, a disciple and a witness. Our churches are full of believers; but if you tell those believers that God expects them to be disciples, and if you call on them to deny self, take up the Cross, keep the body under and bring every thought captive, and keep themselves unspotted from the world, they will resent that intrusion. They will say the preacher is meddling and interfering.

After all, the great Commission does not send us out to make believers—it sends us out to make disciples! Of course you have to be a believer in order to be a disciple, but notice it says DISCIPLE. God is out to make saints out of sinners.

Crisis must be followed by continuance. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."

I think we preachers, without meaning to do so, are guilty of having created an artificial distinction in the minds of a great many people between taking Jesus as Saviour and confessing Christ as Lord. After all, that verse in Romans 10 says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord," Paul, when he met the Lord Jesus, said "Who art thou, Lord?" "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

I don't believe that you can get saved on the installment plan. I don't believe that you can get saved with your fingers crossed and one hand

behind your back saying to yourself, "I take Jesus as my Saviour, and then I won't have to go to hell. I won't do anything about confessing Him as Lord. If I never submit to His Lordship—the only thing I will lose will be my reward." I don't believe you can be saved that way. I believe you must take Jesus Christ for all that you know Him to be at that time, and as the Word of God presents Him.

We are in such an everlasting hurry to get prospects into our churches. Why, bless your hearts, Jesus lost some of the best prospects He ever had. He lost three in a row in the 9th Chapter of Luke. And what about the rich young ruler? He had manners—kneeling; morals—commandments; money—wouldn't turn it loose. But Jesus wasn't out for joiners. He was out for disciples! Let me make this plain: Salvation is Free—not Cheap! It is Free! A thing can be free and not be cheap. It cost plenty! It cost God His Son, and it cost the Son His Life; but it is free to you—the "Gift of God is eternal life."

But discipleship will cost you everything you have. I think we ought to be fair with people today. They ought to understand what they are in for. The moment they get saved they are under new management.

You have but one option in this world. You can receive the Lord Jesus, or you can reject Him. But if you ever receive Him, you don't have any more option—that is the end of it. You belong to Him. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price." This idea that if I want to go

to church on Sunday, it is my business; if I want to stay at home, it is my business; if I want to give a tithe to the Lord, it is up to me; if I want to serve in this capacity or that, it is up to me.

You don't have any rights if you have become a Christian—you belong to Him! Why is it that we have to wear ourselves out telling church members what they ought to have known the day they received Christ as Saviour—that Jesus is Lord of all.

The early Christians used to say, "Jesus is Lord." They died for that! They paid the price! But today we have a crowd of believers, many of whom show no evidence of being disciples, and of course if not disciples, they are not witnesses.

Discipling calls for disciplining. And if a preacher is going to preach disciplining, he has to practice it on himself. He cannot "entangle himself with the affairs of this life," if he is to "please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." I believe that the seriousness of the hour and the shortness of the time and the shallowness of our hearts demand as never before that we walk circumspectly, "Because the days are evil."

Well—there you have it—doctrine, dynamic and discipline—and it is only the combination that is equal to the task before us. For both preacher and people, both in pulpit and in pew, we need doctrine that we may believe—we need discipline that we may behave. This is God's combination. It is a high standard, but I believe we can reach it by the grace of God.



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PAGES FROM THE PAST

by J. L. Boyd

60 Years Ago

The Mississippi W. M. U. reported as having contributed \$138,399.65 for missionary purposes, an increase of \$26,356.89 over the previous year.

The Little River Church, Marion County, held their first service in their new church house on the previous Sunday which was "resting on brick pillars, covered with cypress shingles." Pastor J. J. Justice, reporting.

50 Years Ago

There were 61 additions to the First Church, McComb, from a revival meeting in which Evangelists George Butler and Warren Bates of Texas did the preaching. Theodore Whitfield was pastor. J. H. Aycock, reporting.

From a Two week's meeting at the First Church, Winona, received 31 accessions. Pastor G. F. Barton was assisted by Thomas S. Potts of Memphis, doing the preaching.

40 Years Ago

A picture of the Men's Bible Class of the First Church, Louisville with its 129 members present on April 12th. W. J. Webb was the teacher; J. T. Webster, President; S. G. Pope, Pastor.

25 Years Ago

Pastor N. D. Timmerman of First Church, Clarksdale, writes of "one of the best revival meetings" the church ever had with 46 additions to the church roll, 26 of them for baptism. He was assisted by J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, as preacher and Mrs. E. C. Edwards of Houston, Mississippi, having charge of the music.

Pastor R. K. Corder of First Church, Philadelphia, had W. A. Bell of Jackson as helper in their annual revival meeting which resulted in 24 accessions to the church roll, 18 of them for baptism.

The Miles Dampier Memorial scholarship at Mississippi College going to the most promising ministerial student was awarded to Deb Stennis.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled by birthdays.)

June 14 — Hattie Johnson, Baptist Book Store; Hattie May Kuykendall, Baptist Book Store.

June 15 — W. W. Stevens, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Mary Kee, Clarke College faculty.

June 16 — J. V. McCrory, faculty, Carey College; John M. Read, Alcorn association superintendent of missions.

June 17 — Mrs. Marilyn Walker, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; James Clark, staff, Children's Village.

June 18 — Mrs. Mary Lib Clayburn, Baptist Building; Mrs. Jean Gullett, Baptist Building.

June 19 — Frederick C. Tims, faculty, Blue Mountain College; E. Harold Fisher, president, Blue Mountain College.

June 20 — Kathryn Bearden, Baptist student director, Gilfoy School of Nursing; J. B. Costlow, Baptist student director, Clarke College.

Pastors Take Look At Selves

Thursday, June 10, 1965

THE BAPTIST RECORD 5

DALLAS—Ministers attending the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference here May 31-June 1 took a frank look at themselves and their denomi-

nation and got ample advice on how to improve. Without better preaching, they were told repeatedly, both the denomination and so-

ciety will decay morally and spiritually.

A total of 33 speakers were on the conference program, which almost turned into a preaching marathon. More than 8,500 attended the two-day sessions at Dallas' Market Hall.

The pastors took time out from listening to sermons only long enough for spirited singing and election of officers—the only business conducted.

James Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, and a native of Tupelo, Miss., was elected president; Vander Warner Jr., pastor of Oak Grove Church, Bel Air, Md., vice-president; and Milton DuPriest, pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Ark., secretary.

Many of the speakers emphasized the need for preachers to deal with social and moral issues from the pulpit. By contrast others contended they should stick only to preaching the Gospel of salvation.

The conference opened with a frank look at the minister and his fears, his inconsistencies, his neurotic and status seeking tendencies, and his involvement in the decay of society and the denomination.

The lineup of opening speakers chided Baptist ministers for avoiding a minefield of explosive issues and burning social and moral questions and dwelling only with "safe" topics from the pulpit.

Speakers during the opening session pictured the modern minister as a human being with fears and problems and frustrations like everyone else.

"Some among us are in an obvious scramble for the bigger, the better, the more expensive, the more and the higher," said Vander Warner, later elected vice-president, in a speech on "The Minister and Status Seeking."

Another speaker, Donald Anderson of San Antonio, said that neurotic pastors in the pulpit obsessed with guilt feelings, power, and narrow-minded rigidity often results in neurotic church members in the pew.

Shannon Speaks
A Baptist pastor from Alabama, the Rev. Harper Shannon of Dothan, said that many preachers, because of fear, succumb to the pressure of men instead of submitting to the will of God. He added that this is most often seen among ministers who avoid preaching on the racial issue.

The denomination's reluctance to come to grips with America's racial revolution was cited by numerous speakers evaluating the denomination.

Pastors gave a standing ovation to a message by C. A. Roberts of Tallahassee, Fla., who told of receiving angry letters and obscene phone calls because he tried to lead his church to accept Negroes as members.

"But brethren," he said, "no minister can be absolutely true to the righteousness of Christ and completely free from scar, hurt, ridicule, misunderstanding, or blame. To say nothing is to say too much; yet to remain silent is cowardly and disastrous," he said.

None of the speakers said they knew the answer to the nation's racial problems.

Ralph Langley of Houston said that people of both races must rediscover the meaning of Christian character, stating that some may feel they can best demonstrate this character by participating in racial demonstrations.

However, most of the speakers stressed evangelistic and missions-centered messages instead of sermons on social or moral issues.

"The great need in America—in the world—is an epidemic of New Testament witnessing," declared John Hagai of Atlanta, an evangelist.

Hagai called evangelism the answer to all sociological problems.

C. E. Autrey, head of the denomination's nation-wide evangelism division, advised the ministers to go where the people are with their evangelistic efforts. He advocated evangelistic services in open-air theaters, homes, tents, and stadiums instead of revivals in church buildings.

The top executives of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board issued pleas for the pastors to be more missions conscious, and to broaden their horizons of evangelistic concern.

Speakers suggested that pastors' lack of concern for social and moral issues could lead to the decay of the denomination, while others voiced a hopeful destiny for the denomination's future.

W. W. Adams, professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, told the pastors the nation and denomination are decaying morally, and not much is being done to check it. Ignorance, not modernism threatens the denomination, he said. Three laymen also gave advice on how to improve.

Best known was former astronaut John Glenn, Houston, who urged the ministers to lead in an exploration of religious faith that will exceed space exploration, and to answer the burning religious questions raised by science in the minds of America's youth.

The pastors presented a plaque to Colonel Glenn in appreciation of his Christian influence.

Howard Butt, a Corpus Christi, Tex., grocer, said the pastor's role should be to equip laymen for better Christian service.

Theme for the conference, planned by outgoing president Jess Moody of West Palm Beach, Fla., was "Decay or Destiny."

C. G. Cole, Former HMB President, Dies

ATLANTA (BP) — C. G. Cole, 63-year-old Atlanta business executive who served nine years as president of Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board, died here June 1.

Cole, assistant to the treasurer of the Georgia Power Co., resigned his presidential position with the mission agency in December because of poor health. Until last year he had not missed a Board meeting during the 13 years he served.

Funeral service, conducted by Don Aderholt of Columbia Drive Baptist Church, in Decatur, Ga., was held at Kirkwood Baptist Church in Atlanta where Cole has been a member since 1926.

Mexicans Outline 5-Year Plan

The national Baptist Convention of Mexico has approved a five-year plan of "evangelistic-missionary expansion" aimed at the establishment of 250 new churches, 500 new missions, and 500 new preaching centers by the end of 1970.



DR. EARL KELLY of Holly Springs leads the devotional Tuesday night.



MRS. JOHN C. ZACHARY, member of Second Avenue Church in Laurel, was introduced at the convention by President Deheny in recognition of her 12 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School, Training Union, WMU and worship services.



MISSIONARIES FROM four areas served by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board admire the workmanship of an African purse. The missionaries are: Mrs. Lewis Lee, Dallas, Texas, missionary to Peru; Mrs. Will J. Roberts, Oklahoma City, Okla., missionary to Kenya; Miss Lucy Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., missionary to Japan; and Dr. Frances Greenaway, Fort Worth, Texas, missionary to Rhodesia.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OFFICERS, re-elected at Dallas, are President, Mrs. Helen Fling of Cleburne, Tex.; executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Ala., and recording secretary, Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh of Kansas City, Kan.

8,000 Attend WMU Convention

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Hugo H. Culpepper, director of the Home Mission Board's division of missions, said the effectiveness of the church today and its existence tomorrow depend on how local congregations and the denomination respond to the social situation confronting them.

The women were told of new programs being developed to meet special needs in this country. One of these is the US-2 program for young college graduates who want to perform mission service. Another is the Christian Service Corps for adults who can pay their own way and serve for up to ten weeks on a pioneer field, in a good will center or other areas.

H. Cornell Goerner, an area secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said the challenge of metropolitan areas is not unique to the United States. He described a new Africa with vast new population centers that have pushed back the underbrush as a result of mining and other industries.

Goerner said the Congo crisis has bred false ideas that new nations of Africa are no longer open to the Gospel. "Nothing could be farther from the truth," he said. Goerner said that on a recent trip through Africa he met

an almost unanimous appeal for more missionaries.

Another Foreign Mission Board secretary, J. D. Hughey, disclosed that Southern Baptists have begun a medical mission in Yemen where there have been no Christian churches for 1,300 years. The country has one doctor for every 156,000 people.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told the women that the WMU-sponsored Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions has reached a record high this year. He said the \$11,870,649 given by Southern Baptist churches is the largest cash offering ever laid on the altar

by any evangelical denomination.

Tells of Expansion
"I say it advisedly," Cauthen said, "if there were no WMU, if there were no authors of prayers you offer, no Lottie Moon Christmas offering, we would just simply see the world-wide labor of Southern Baptists cut into little pieces."

Other WMU officers elected at the Convention included Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh of Kansas City, Kan., recording secretary; Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of Tiburon, Calif.; Mrs. O. K. McCarter of Chatham, N. J., and Miss Elma Cobb of Little Rock, Ark., members at large on the WMU Executive Board.



W. S. Garmon

to You (Scientific facts on how alcohol affects the body); "A Nightmare in Dreamland (The problem of alcoholism); "They, Too, Are God's Children (Help for the alcoholic);" and "It's Your Decision (To drink or not to drink)."

Christian Life Conferences On Alcohol Scheduled

"Alcohol: A Many Sided Issue" will be the subject of the 1965 Christian Life Conferences at Ridgcrest, August 28-September 1.

Featured speaker for these conferences will be Dr. William S. Garmon, professor of Christian ethics at New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Garmon's specific subjects are: "Seeing Double (The complexities of the alcohol problem);" "The Many Faces of Ethyl (The extent of the problem);" "But What Does the Church Say? (The teachings of the churches);" "What Is The Family To Do? (The Christian family and alcohol);" "One More, For Which Road? (Why people drink);" "What It Does

ATTENTION:

GA Camps At Garaywa

There is no available space for the following weeks:

June 14-19 (Junior)

June 28-July 3 (Junior)

July 5-10 (Junior)

July 12-17 (Junior)

There are a limited number of spaces for the week of July 19-24 (Junior)

Plenty of space for both Intermediate weeks and Junior camps in August.

Committee On --- Mrs. Owen Named Head Ministers Wives Conference

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groups of Baptists, associated by Christian bond of any nature, are urged to rededicate themselves to this task through intensifying support of the denomination's program of "proclaiming and witnessing" and through other appropriate individual and group action.

Human Relations

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists as evangelical Christians have a major responsibility for the Christian witness both in the homeland and around the world, and

WHEREAS, the progress made toward an easing of racial tensions and a Christian solution does not match the extreme urgency reflected in current crises, and

WHEREAS, Paul in his letter to the Colossians (3:11) says, "There cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all," therefore,

Amendment to Human Relations Resolution

WHEREAS, we deplore the open and premeditated violation of civil laws, the destruction of property, the shedding of human blood, or the taking of life as a means of influencing legislation or changing social and cultural patterns.

BE IT RESOLVED by the messengers assembled in this 108th session of the Southern Baptist Convention that we:

1. Rededicate ourselves in the spirit of Christ to a ministry of reconciliation among all men.

2. Remind ourselves that all men stand as equals at the foot of the cross without distinction for color.

3. Pledge ourselves to provide positive leadership in our communities, seeking through conciliation and understanding to obtain peaceful compliance with laws assuring equal rights for all. We further pledge ourselves to go beyond these laws in the practice of Christian love.

Evangelism and World Evangelism Congress

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are committed to the ministry of evangelism, and WHEREAS, Billy Graham

DALLAS, June 3 — Mrs. Franklin Owen of Lexington, Ky., was elected president of the Conference of Ministers' Wives here Thursday.

The conference is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Francis DuBose of Detroit, vice-president; Mrs. Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Woodson Armes of El Paso, corresponding secretary.

Officers who will serve in 1967 include Mrs. John McGuire of Jacksonville, Fla., president; Mrs. A. Avery Lee of New Orleans, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Smith of Pine Bluff, Ark., secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Elmer West of Arlington, Va., corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Frank Nelson of Denton, Tex., presented the outgoing president, Mrs. L. D. Johnson of Greenville, S. C., an engraved president's gavel in memory of the late Mrs. Rubye Lee Armstrong, former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Denton's First Baptist Church.

A highlight of the program was a debate "Resolved: That the Ministers' Wife has the best of all possible lives" The negative side was the strongest.

is one of its leading exponents in our generation, and

WHEREAS, he is planning the "World Evangelism Congress" in West Berlin in the fall of 1966.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. That we express our appreciation to Billy Graham for his leadership in the field of evangelism;

2. That we pledge our prayers for and our genuine interest in the promotion of this World Evangelism Conference with the desire that God may use this meeting to spark a renewed interest throughout the world in evangelism and missions.

SBC Highlight Report

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sonal prejudice, unfair housing practices, discriminatory employment, unequal justice under the law and denial of voting rights."

Upon motion of Henry L. Lyon of Alabama, the convention approved the following addition to the report:

"This convention of Baptists recognizes the authority and competency of every local church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in dealing with any question, social or otherwise. We further recognize that our main task is to support and promote our programs of world missions and evangelism. We believe that in so expending our efforts we will effect definite solutions for all of our present problems."

President Johnson sent the following telegram to the convention:

"Please accept my warmest best wishes on the occasion of the 108th annual Con-

vention of Southern Baptists. You represent one of the largest and most vigorous religious fellowships in the world. All Americans can be proud of your outstanding contribution to the moral strength and fiber of this nation."

Reply Sent to LBJ

A reply was sent by the convention assuring the president of the prayers of the body.

Presidential Aide Bill Moyers, an ordained Southern Baptist minister, challenged Southern Baptists to join with the government in lifting up humanity.

He said "Southern Baptists are beginning to believe finally that we must become a part of the world in order to change it."

A fraternal messenger, one of several present, Robert G. Torbett, president of the American Baptist Convention, made a strong plea for Baptist unity.

Debate was plentiful and at times sharp, but generally was kept on friendly terms and in orderly fashion.

An estimated 35,000 people descended on Dallas for the convention, exceeding all expectations. Registration totaled 16,116 an all-time high, compared with the former record high of 13,612 set at Miami Beach in 1960.

The chief complaint was the inability to get seats in the 10,000-seat auditorium. An auxiliary auditorium provided some relief but not nearly enough.

The messengers adopted a record budget of \$21,800,000 for 1966, an increase of \$1,465,000 over the outlay for this year.

Other officers elected included: M. B. Carroll, Dallas, first vice-president; Leobardo Estrada of New York, second vice-president; Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, recording secretary, and W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, reg-



CHURCH MUSICIANS elect officers at close of Dallas conference. They are: (left to right) James D. Woodward, Tulsa, Okla., President; D. Neil Darnell, Wichita Falls, Texas, vice president of ministers of music (West) division; Donald Winters, Hattiesburg, Miss., vice president of educators division; V. F. Forderhase, Dallas, Texas, vice president of denominational division; Dewey Kyle, Owensboro, Ky., vice president of ministers of music (East) division; and Kenneth L. Osbrink, Miami, Fla., secretary-treasurer.

istration secretary.

Joe W. Burton, outgoing recording secretary, had previously requested that his name not be considered for reelection.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee adopted included tighter voting procedures and the setting of Thursday afternoon instead of Wednesday as the "free" afternoon at future conventions.

Name Change Considered

The messengers voted down a motion to direct the Sunday School Board to ban the sale of the book, "The Message of Genesis," by Ralph Elliott, in Baptist Book Stores, leaving the decision in the hands of the elected members of the board.

A motion to change the name of the convention to a "more appropriate" one was referred to the Executive Committee for study and report to the next convention.

The convention voted to meet in Denver in 1970, with the dates being June 1-5 and approved the transfer of the 1968 session from Jacksonville to Miami Beach.

The convention approved a motion asking the Sunday School Board to consider pre-

paring a single-volume commentary by Southern Baptist authors.

The messengers voted to ask the Executive Committee to study a proposal to establish a Baptist "diplomatic unit" in Hollywood for the purpose of giving motion picture and television producers the Baptist viewpoint.

The convention voted down a proposal to limit the term of office of president to one year instead of the present two years.

The convention closed on a high note Friday evening, featuring an address by W. A. Criswell, pastor of the host city's First Baptist Church and the world premiere presentation of a cantata, "Proclaim the Word."

The convention theme was "Proclamation and Witnessing" with the words appearing on a huge banner placed over the platform.

Eugene Sutherland, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., was convention music director.

New England Churches Add 111 In Crusade

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (BP) —The 12 churches of the New England Baptist Association reported 111 additions following a simultaneous evangelism crusade.

Eual F. Lawson of Dallas, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, directed the crusade. "The churches had 51 professions of faith and 60 uniting by transfer of letter," he said.

The New England Baptist Association, formed in 1962 and covering six states, is one of the youngest groups of churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. The oldest church, Screven Memorial at Portsmouth, N. H., was constituted in 1960.

Elmer Sizemore of Cambridge is superintendent of missions for the association, and Eugene F. Trawick, pastor of the Screven Church is moderator.

The tax load on each man, woman, and child in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, will be \$853, the Tax Foundation estimates. It was \$832 in fiscal 1964. Of the newest figure, \$564 will go to the Federal Government, \$156 to state governments, and \$133 to local governments.

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Five Rural Pastors' Conferences

June 10-12—Paul B. Johnson State Park
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June 17-19—Wall Doney State Park
near Holly Springs

July 15-17—Leroy Percy State Park, near Hollandale

July 5-7—Choctaw Lake Park
near Ackerman

July 8-10—Percy Quin State Park
near McComb

Program Highlights will include:

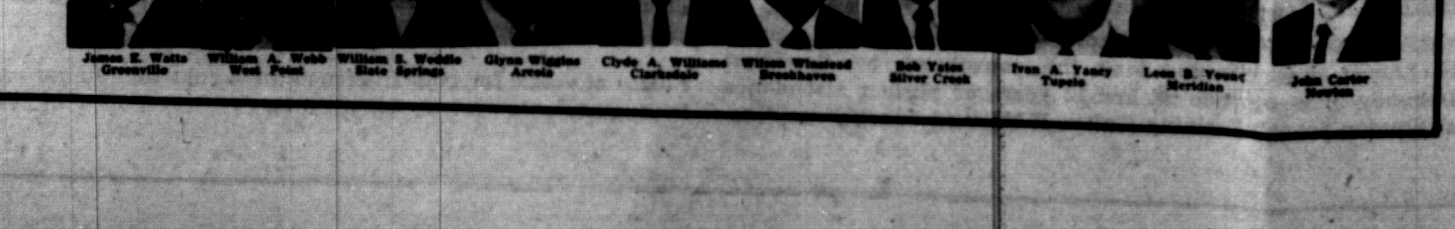
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Each Program runs from 10 A.M. the First Day Until 11:30 A.M. the Final Day
Sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Dept. of the State Convention Board, Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary.



REV. HORACE CARPENTER of Roxie (right) looks over a pamphlet on the proposed Bill Wallace film with Convention Vice-President Gregory Walcott of California.



THREE STATE PASTORS chat with a former Mississippian in the exhibit hall between sessions. From left: Rev. Elmer Neilson, of Cullman, Ala.; Rev. Harold O'Chester of Meridian; Rev. John Hilbun of Jackson and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., of Hattiesburg.

BAPTIST CHOIR POPULAR IN VILLAFRANCA, SPAIN

For the second year in a row, the choir of the Baptist church in Villafranca del Panades, in the province of Barcelona, Spain, has been the most applauded group at annual choral festivities sponsored by the town.

This year it was nearly midnight before the Baptist Choir—seventh of eight groups on the program—sang the three hymns they had selected. They were enthusiastically applauded after each hymn, reports Southern Baptist Missionary Daniel R. White.

After the concert, held in the public plaza, the choir was invited to sing at many residences in the town. Two Roman Catholic nuns were among those who wanted to hear more of the Baptist music. It was four o'clock in the morning before the choir members returned home.

Baptists were not always so well received in Villafranca. In 1943 the Baptist pastor was imprisoned and other church members were fined for conducting a religious service without government authorization. The man who was mayor of the town at that time is one of the persons at whose home the choir sang this year.



THE SCHLATTER CHURCH, Rev. James E. Drane, pastor, has provided the down payment to permit the Miles City Baptist Chapel, Miles City, Montana, to purchase a pastorial. The money formerly used for rent will now be used for monthly payments. Rev. Loyd Napier, pastor of the Miles City Chapel, indicates a Sunday School attendance of 48 as compared with 23 in January, the month before he arrived as pastor.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE OFFICERS for the Ministerial Association for the coming year are photographed above. Dr. B. F. Smith, faculty advisor for the group, is shown at the far left on the first row. Thomasetti Grace, president, and Gary Lightfoot, 2nd vice president complete the first row. Second row, from left, are: Carl Baker, marshal, Nathan Barber, chorister, Grant Barber, treasurer. Other officers not shown in the picture are: John Wardle, 1st vice president, and George Schade, secretary. Carey has approximately 135 students studying for the ministry.



DR. BEVERLY TINNIN, left, pastor, First, Meridian, receives a Clarke College Chorus recording from J. B. McElroy, director of the singing group. The recorded programs include fourteen numbers, many taken from famous oratories. There are four settings of the Twenty-third Psalm; four popular spirituals; and one number each by the Choralettes and the Chorale. Records are on sale in the Clarke College Book Store, Newton. Mail orders are being filled.

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Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance

JUNE 6, 1965	
Aberdeen, 1st	379 129 9
Bethel (Cophah)	136 81
Brandon, 1st	466 180
Brookhaven, 1st	700 197
Bruce, 1st	337 117
Charleston, 1st	302 80
Cleveland, Calvary	214 99
Columbia, 1st	683 231 2
Crystal Springs:	
First	537 164
Highland	223 145 1
Greenwood, North	321 110
Gulfport, 1st	730 198 2
Hamdaboro	288 127 1
Hattiesburg:	
Southside	89 41 4
Main Street	758 227 6
North Main	6 5
Central	103 67
First	333 148 2
First	636 196 6
Jackson:	
Southside	326 158 4
Parkway	947 463 5
Forest Hill	198 56 1
Magnolia Park	67 36
Daniel Memorial	639 196
Alla Woods	1045 414 1
Raymond Road	100 75
First	325 220 2
West Jackson	465 193
Briarwood Dr.	289 133
Van Winkle	541 185
Woodland Hills	711 183 3
Broadmoor	1235 483 3
Parkhill	195 105 1
McDowell Road	283 97 4
McLaurin Heights	266 145 2
Lakeview	15 1
Robinson St.	310 136 1
Ridgeway	786 253
Colonial Hgts.	280 84 5
Highland	320 149
Crestwood	313 133 1
Calvary	4442 473 1
Mission	80 45
Laurel:	
West Laurel	293 72
Plainway	188 94
Magnolia St.	303 188 1
Highland	418 119
First	451 175
Glade	179 100
Trinity	145 72
Second Avenue	45 118
Main	840
Mission	81
Louisville, East	120 86
Lexington, 1st	182 71 4
Marks, West	164 128
McComb:	
Nashville	166 112
South	235 76
Meridian, 15th Ave.	81 53
Mountain Creek	134 124
Pearl (Rankin)	290 85 3
Petal-Harvey	294
Main	8
Mem. Drive Miss.	453 173
Picayune, 1st	209
Mission	99 54 1
Pochontas	158 64
Rosedale, 1st	221 112 2
Sandersville	91 2
Sardis (Cophah)	140 58
Sharon, 1st (Jones)	279 75 3
Soso, 1st	854 339 3
Starkville, 1st	161 163 1
Vicksburg	184 96
Bowmar Ave.	810 195
Trinity	
West Point, 1st	

Gloster Approves Special Committee

Gallie, First Church, Gloster has approved the appointment of a Forward Planning Committee.

The committee will study population and economic growth trends in Gloster and seek to interpret their meaning in terms of church program and building needs, both now and in the future. This special committee will make recommendations to standing church committees, or to the church conference.

Appointed to serve on the Forward Planning Committee were the following: Earl Hinton, Leland Stokes, vice chairman; Mrs. Marion Dreher, secretary; Mrs. W. R. Conerly, Jr., Lee Roy Smith, Buford Stokes.

Rev. Hardy R. Denham Jr., pastor of Gloster Church, serves as Committee Chairman; Darryl Evans, minister of music and youth, is ex-officio member of the committee.

CLARKE ELECTS BSU OFFICERS

John C. (Jay) White, Florence, was elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Clarke College in a campus wide election recently.

White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White, Florence.

Ralph Culp, Tishomingo, will serve as vice-president. Shirley Lunch, Mobile, Ala. and Landon Sawyer, Frisco City, Ala. will serve as BSU pianist and BSU organist respectively; Doris Kyle, Baltimore, Md. is the new librarian.

Committee chairmen serving on the executive council will be the following: Enlistment—Mike Neal, Carrollton; Social—Brenda Kelley, Troy, Ala.; Morning Watch—Claudia Pearson, Pine Hill, Ala.; Vespers—Woody Burt, Newton; Singing—Curtis Ousley, Jones, Ala.; Publicity—Evelyn Carpenter, Winona; Mission Band—Jim Walkington, Jerseyville, Ill.; Stewardship—Barbara Stamps, Jachin, Ala.; Recreational—Curtis Roland, Forest.

Sunday School representative will be Marilyn Arant, Clanton, Ala.; Training Union representative, David Cox, Flora; Ministers' Association, Charles Carroll, Birmingham, Ala.; Y. W. A., Juanita West, Yazoo City; R. E. A., Violet Jennings, Benton; and W. M. U., Mrs. Clifton Ellis, Panama City, Fla.

The faculty advisors are V. R. Vaughn, A. L. McGaugh, and Mrs. J. L. Clark. J. N. Triplett is the pastor advisor and J. B. Costello is the B. S. U. Director.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Response To Opportunity

By Clifton J. Allen
1 Kings 1-3

The closing days of David's reign present a picture of weakness. The king himself became more feeble. Adonijah—next in line after Absalom—undertook, with the help of Joab and Abiathar, to usurp the throne. Prompt initiative on the part of Nathan, with the assistance of Bathsheba, made the matter known to David, who had previously promised that Solomon should succeed him on the throne. David acted with dispatch, and his instructions were carried out promptly. Solomon was anointed to reign instead of his father, and the word went out in Jerusalem that Solomon had been established on the throne. Though the first days of his reign were given over to the extermination of the persons opposing his kingship, Solomon then turned his attention toward his responsibility with earnest desire for wisdom to rule the nation.

The Lesson Explained CHARGE TO SOLOMON (2:1-4)

David knew that his death was near at hand. He therefore called Solomon to him and addressed to him a parting charge. First, the charge was an admonition to courage. There could be no timidity and irresolution if Solomon were to reign with effectiveness. He would have to face danger and opposition, many difficult duties, and the severest temptations. Hence he must prove himself a man of fortitude, purpose, and integrity. Second, David's charge called Solomon to fidelity and obedience to the Lord. God's commandments and statutes, as given in the law of Moses, must be followed if the new king were to prosper in the difficult task of administering his kingdom. The objective of David's charge was to bind Solomon in true commitment to the covenant of the Lord. God had promised David that, on the condition of faithfulness on his part and on the part of his children, one of his sons should continue to occupy the throne of Israel.

PRAYER FOR WISDOM (3:5-9)

It was said of Solomon that he loved the Lord and walked in the statutes of David his father (v. 3). The Lord appeared to him in a dream—doubtless not long after the beginning of his reign. In this experience Solomon seemed to hear God say, "Ask what I shall give thee." In response Solomon manifested gratitude for God's mercies, a spirit of humility, and insight as to his own need for wisdom. The young king was well aware

that he had come to the throne through the goodness of the Lord. He felt himself to be but a child, lacking experience, being wholly inadequate for the responsibilities of ruling over the kingdom. He therefore asked to Lord to give him an understanding heart or wisdom to know how to judge the people. He would need moral discernment between right and wrong, justice and injustice, innocence and guilt. How else could he know how to decide the questions which would come to him, to execute justice, and to guide the people in the right way?

Solomon's prayer could not have been more appropriate. He faced the opportunity to lead a nation in the way of uprightness, justice, and worship. His decisions would need to reflect fairness and impartiality. His policies would need to express sound government and concern for the people. He himself would need to be fortified against evil. He could be a worthy ruler only through the help of the Lord.

THE PROMISE OF GOD

The verses following the printed text tell of God's response to Solomon's prayer. Solomon might have asked for long life or riches or vengeance against enemies out of a spirit of pride. Instead, he asked for wisdom. This God promised in fullest measure. With the promise, however, was the demand for obedience. God always wants to give blessings in fullest measure, but his blessings are limited by our willingness to meet the conditions on which his goodness can be entrusted to us.

Truths to Live By

Worthy living calls for a true sense of values. — The values of first importance are suggested by Solomon's prayer for an understanding heart. This would include the faculty of moral discrimination, aspiration for holiness, and competence to be fruitful in the service of Christ. If we put first things first, we will want spiritual wisdom, moral excellence, and the creative power of Christian love.

Our sufficiency is from God.—We face temptations to evil beyond our strength to resist. We face complex questions, as to matters of ethics and personal relationships and duties of many kinds, for which we do not know right answers. We face opportunities to help others that call for understanding and skills and resources we do not ourselves possess. We face fearful responsibilities as parents, as citizens, as leaders of various groups, as wage earners,

and as Christians for which we need strength and wisdom beyond ourselves. In all our needs, what we lack is abundantly supplied by God's sufficiency.

God's gifts are limited by our desires.—God wants to give the riches of his grace, eternal life through Jesus Christ. But he will not force this greatest of all gifts upon an unbelieving and unrepentant person. God wants to give the fullness of his Spirit to the Christian, but this gift is limited by the Christian's desire for the Spirit and willingness to obey and trust the Spirit. God wants to give peace of mind, power in prayer, spiritual knowledge, moral victory, and joy and fruitfulness in the service of Christ. But God can give none of these gifts apart from genuine spiritual desire to receive them and to use them to honor Christ.

Kemper-Neshoba Call Missionary

Rev. Lester Janes has accepted a position as superintendent of missions for Kemper and Neshoba Counties. He will assume his new duties on July 15. At that time, he will move back to the state from Glasgow, Kentucky, where he has been serving as missionary for the Liberty Association.

A graduate of Blue Mountain College, Mr. Janes formerly served in Tippah and Leake Counties as superintendent of missions, and has also held pastorates in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Mr. Janes attended Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is married and has two daughters.

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert has been giving guidance to this missions program and has been instrumental in setting it up during an interim period.



SIMS COOK AND ODIS WALTERS were recently ordained as deacons at Phalti Church in Clarke Association. Mr. Cook is Training Union director while Mr. Walters is serving as director of music. From the bottom: Mr. Cook, Mr. Walters, and Rev. Burt Harvey, pastor.

CAREY GETS STEEL GRANT

William Carey College has announced the acceptance of a \$1000.00 grant for operational expenses from the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. This is the seventh year consecutively that the \$1000.00 gift has come to Carey. It is part of a \$2,630,000 program of aid to higher education given by the United States Steel Corporation.

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Names In The News



Rev. J. H. Street



Mrs. J. H. Street

Streets Join Clarke Staff

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Street have accepted positions on the Clarke College staff and will begin their work August 1, 1965.

Mr. Street will be the new Director of Public Relations. He is an alumnus of Clarke College and Mississippi College. Following his graduation he was an instructor in English and Bible at Mississippi College. He attended Southern Seminary.

He has served as pastor of a number of Baptist churches in Mississippi and Arkansas.

For two years Mr. Street was Secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board. He goes to the Clarke position from New Orleans Seminary where he

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, missionaries, expect to leave Nigeria June 2 for furlough in the States. They may be addressed, c-o Inman Merritt, Rt. 5, Hattiesburg, Miss. Both are natives of Mississippi. Born in Pachuta, Mr. Davis spent his boyhood on farms near Quitman and Hattiesburg; Mrs. Davis is the former Joyce Merritt, of Forrest County.

Wallace and Elaine Merrill were honored by Calvary Church, Meridian, on Sunday, May 23, in appreciation of Mr. Merrill's service of 17 years as minister of music. The church presented them a console Zenith television set. Rev. W. Otis Seal is pastor.

Hartwell McPhail, head football coach and athletic director, has been elected president of the Mississippi College Faculty Club for the 1965-66 school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ford, missionaries to Nigeria, arrived in the States May 3 for furlough. They are living at 40 S. Prospect St., Crescent

serves as field representative in the Public Relations Department and with the Library Services.

Mrs. Street, the former Rosalind Sheppard, is presently the Dean of Women of New Orleans Seminary and will serve as Publicity Director in the Public Relations Department at Clarke.

She holds the B. A. degree from William Carey College, studied one year at Carver School of Missions, Louisville, Ky. and did graduate work at Peabody College, Nashville and at the New Orleans Seminary.

Walnut Ridge College awarded her the first citation for "Distinguished Baptist Woman of Arkansas." She served one year as president of the Mississippi WMU and as state officer in the Arkansas Baptist WMU for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Street have one son, Dr. Herbert Street, a physician specializing in ophthalmology.

City, Fla. He is a native of Crescent City; she is the former Lucille Taylor, of Jackson, Mo.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Ferrell, Southern Baptist missionaries, sailed for Argentina May 4, following furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Wineberg 3018, Olivos, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Greenville and she, the former Opal Young, of Port Gibson (she grew up in Clinton).

Roddy Frank Stinson, an assistant editor at the Brotherhood Commission, has been named editor of Young Men's Department materials. The Young Men's Department will begin providing missionary education materials for young men 18-24 by October 1, 1966, Schroeder said.



Ben Smith

Called To Texas Church

Diamond Hill Church, Fort Worth, Texas, announces the calling of Ben Smith as minister of education and music.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Mississippi College, presently enrolled in the school of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Jean Jernigan of Liberty, Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved to Diamond Hill, Sunday, May 23.



Rev. E. J. Harvey

OAK HILL CALLS PASTOR

Oak Hill Church, Poplarville, has called Rev. Edward J. Harvey of Biloxi as pastor.

He succeeds Rev. Wade Smith, who retired after serving forty years in the ministry.

Mr. Harvey formerly was pastor of d'Iberville Church, Biloxi, during which time several improvements were made in the church program.

A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Harvey is working on his master's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mrs. Harvey, the former Evelyn McElhane of Cantonment, Florida, is also a graduate of William Carey College. Rev. and Mrs. Harvey moved into the Oak Hill parsonage the first of June.

Revival Dates

Calvary Church, Corinth: Youth-Led Revival, June 23 through 27; Rev. Jerry Weaver, evangelist; Rev. David Kemp, song leader; Diane Jones, pianist. Rev. Leroy Tubbs, coordinator, pastor.

Chunky Church: June 13-18; Rev. Bob Posey, full-time evangelist, Birmingham, Ala., and former pastor in churches of Mississippi and Alabama, preaching; Buddy McElroy, music director at South Side Church, Meridian, will lead the music. Miss Patsy Stamper and Mrs. Glenda Holt will be at the piano and organ; Rev. C. C. Cornelius, pastor.

Working in the two convention assembly campus, located in Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., will be Francis Scott, Jackson; Patti Addison, Metairie, La.; Bruce Jones, Brandon; Russ

53 Summer Missionaries Go From Mississippi College

Fifty-three Mississippi College young people will be serving this summer as student missionaries or staffers at Baptist mission points and camps throughout the United States and in three foreign countries.

FMB

Serving under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will be Karen Robbins of Picayune, Marvin Reddish of Clinton, and Jerry Strahan of Louisville.

Miss Robbins will work in Germany, while Reddish will be stationed in Trinidad and Strahan in Jamaica.

HMB

Ten students will be working under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. Bobbie Simmons of Brookhaven will be in Hawaii while Glenda Anderson of Sidon and Ray Roberts of Guntown will spend their summer in California.

Also serving in the western part of the country will be Betty Atkinson, Batesville, in Colorado; Faylen Furgerson, St. Louis, Mo., in Arizona; Lynn Overman, Pensacola, Fla., in Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Foster, Clinton, in Washington and Oregon.

In other areas of the country will be Penny Mosely, Dallas, Tex., and Paul Vandercook, New Orleans, La., serving in Michigan, and Mary Black, Jackson, in Maryland.

Montana

Seven students will participate in the Pioneer Missions Program sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Nancy Gardner, Louin; Tom Nettles, Brandon; Val Vest, Greenville; Nell Green, Hazlehurst; Keith Rodgers, Silver Creek; Ronny Boswell, Noxapater; and Rowena White, Jackson; will serve for eight weeks in Montana mission churches.

Assemblies

Working in the two convention assembly campus, located in Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., will be Francis Scott, Jackson; Patti Addison, Metairie, La.; Bruce Jones, Brandon; Russ

Bush, Columbia; Martha Lamb, Memphis, Tenn.; Faye Roby, Yazoo City; Jan Price, Lenoir, N. C.; Beverly Smith, Columbia; Carol Durham, Columbia; Don Walters, Lucedale; Dwight Ward, Wilmer, Ala.; and Sharon Broomall, Apoka, Fla.

At other out-of-state campus will be Danny Smith, Pascagoula, at Rockmont and Jane Mangum, Magee, and Margie Patterson, Mt. Hermon, La., at Crestridge. Both are located in North Carolina.

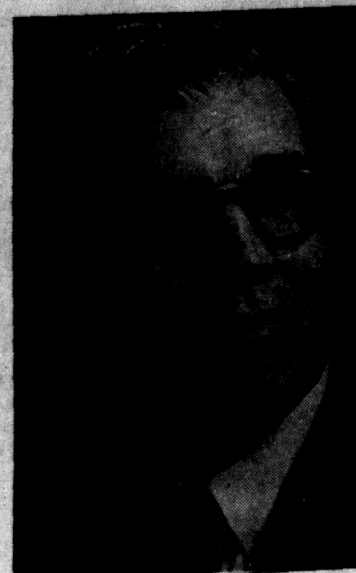
Gulfshore

In Mississippi, 13 students will work at the Mississippi Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian, while five will spend the summer at the state Women's Missionary Union camp located near Clinton.

Serving at Gulfshore will be Larry Lynch, Memphis, Tenn.; Louis Burghard, Crystal Springs; Royce Eaves, Denham Springs, La.; Richard Shellnut, Jackson; Gloria Burrage, Louisville; Carol Oates, Corinth; Betty Barnes, Columbia; Jo Dendy, Houston; Barbara Knight, Columbia; Cindy McGraw, Louisville; Reba Tanksley, Indianola; Betty White, Jackson; and Evelyn Harwood, London, England.

Garaywa

Aiding at Camp Garaywa will be Linda Roby, Yazoo City; Mary Helen Thurman, Jackson; Edna Huskinson, Ripley; Edith King, Jackson; and Frances Pickett, Utica.



C. Roland Boyd

Joins Staff At Calvary, Meridian

Calvary Church, Meridian, (Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor) has called C. Roland Boyd as minister of music and education.

Mr. Boyd assumed his duties in Meridian on May 30, moving there from First Church, Forest Park, where he was engaged in a similar position. The Forest Park church has eleven graded choirs, and an average attendance of 1,000 in Sunday school.

A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Boyd for some years followed the field of evangelistic music, and led the singing for revivals all over the United States. He made a number of recordings during the time of his evangelistic work.

during the evening worship service will be Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds County Superintendent of Missions.

First Church, Sharon, Jones County, held Family Day on Sunday, May 30. Twenty-three whole families were in attendance, reports Mrs. Emma W. Hendry. Rev. A. R. Vaughn is pastor.

Lizana Church (Gulf Coast) has made gains in the last six months under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. J. B. Bell: 22 additions to the church, with ten for baptism; ten of these in the last three Sundays. The church plans a singing school, with Berlin Flyant of Collins, teacher, July 10-30.

Churches In The News

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will observe its seventh anniversary on June 13 with an All-Church Fellowship beginning at 5:30 p. m. During Opening Assembly time of Training Union all unions will meet together while the pastor, Rev. Charles Gentry, narrates, "A Story to Remember," as slides of the history of the church are shown. The featured speaker

Self Study Committee, and the entire loyal faculty and staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan (May Hall), are the parents of three Blue Mountain College graduates, Elizabeth (Mrs. Harold Newcomb), Huntsville, Ala.; Louise, Charleston, S. C.; and Nancy, also of Huntsville, Ala. Their only son, Jimmy, received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi College on the same day his father presided over his own 50th MC Class Reunion and had the BMC L.L.D. degree conferred upon him in absentia.

Members of the Maintenance Staff have said that they didn't feel they were working for "Mr. Buch," but that they were working with him.

Last session, Blue Mountain College students dedicated the 1964 MOUNTAINEER, college yearbook, to Mr. Buchanan.

Mrs. Buchanan, one of the college's most loyal alumnae, a former member of the music faculty, serves as President of the National Alumnae Association of the College, and has served in that capacity for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have entertained many groups of students and faculty members in their home on numerous occasions and have sponsored classes and other groups on outdoor picnics and other socials.

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James E. Buchanan, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Sr. Mr. Buchanan is the nephew of the Mid-South's beloved "Mother" Berry, co-founder of Blue Mountain College.

As Mr. Buchanan retires from the College as business manager, he and the trustees of the college announce that his close associate, D. H. Guyton, college accountant, will take up his post of duty, and Miss Mary Dean Hollis, a 1950 graduate of the college and for thirteen years secretary to the president, will be his associate.

Southern Adds Three Instructors

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three new instructors were recently appointed for the departments of New Testament, Old Testament and church history in the School of Theology at Southern Seminary here.

Two are recent doctoral graduates of the seminary who will serve as full-time instructors. They are Dr. James L. Blevins, part-time instructor in Greek at the seminary since 1963, who will teach New Testament courses, and Dr. Joe O. Lewis, appointed Old Testament instructor.

Appointed part-time instructor in church history was Daniel H. Holcomb, who is presently studying for the Th.D. degree at Southern Seminary.

TWELVE CLARKE STUDENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARDS



Twelve Clarke College Students were congratulated by President W. L. Compere upon being honored with special awards at the recent commencement activities.

Standing, left to right, are Woodrow Burt, who received the Kenneth Aiken Scholarship for 1965; Charles Carroll, and William Eason, (not in picture) selected to receive the Robert L. Ray Scholarships.

Claudia Pearson, and John Franklin Jones, were the recipients of the Bryan Simmons Scholarships. Cindy Stroud, received the Tracy

Gallaspy Scholarship. Audrey Burckett received the Kuykendall Scholarship.

Harvey Clements is the first recipient of the Kiwanis-Circle K Scholarship given to one who has shown dependability and leadership ability. Joanne Kneitel received one of the T. A. Gilbert Scholarships. Murphy Brantley (not pictured) was the recipient of the Richardson Scholarship.

Judy Smith was selected by the Music Department for the Lander G. Kee Scholarship in Music. James Hess received the Cynthia Heritage Voice Scholarship.

Pastors' Meet In New Orleans June 21-25

NEW ORLEANS — The third annual Pastor's Conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, June 21-25, will feature studies in Old and New Testament by Drs. John D. W. Watts and G. R. Beasley - Murray, announced conference director J. Hardee Kennedy, Dean of Theology.

President of the Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Watts will deliver four addresses on Elijah, under the theme "The Man of God in Troubled Times."

Dr. Beasley-Murray, principal of Spurgeon's College, London, England, will speak on the subject "Meditations on the Revelation of Jesus to John."

Other daily conference features will be sermons by Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of evangelism, Home Mission Board; chapel messages by Seminary president R. Leo Eddleman; evangelism lectures by Dr. B. Gray Allison, professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary, and missions lectures by Dr. James Belote, Seminary professor of missions and former president of Hong Kong Baptist College.

Special conferences for the pastors' wives will be conducted by Mrs. J. D. Grey, wife of the pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans.

Registration for the five-day conference will begin at 2 p. m., Monday, June 21. Meetings will end on Friday afternoon. No registration fee will be charged, and seminary housing is available on campus for \$2 per night. Advance reservations for attending the conference are requested by the office of Dean Kennedy.

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J. E. BUCHANAN stands at the door of the old vault he has opened and closed thousands of times during his 39-year tenure as business manager of Blue Mountain College.

J. E. BUCHANAN—

To Retire After 39 Years At Blue Mountain College

By Marguerite Hill

In the spring of the year 1915, James Ellis Buchanan, Blue Mountain, was graduated from Mississippi College with his Bachelor of Science degree. Shortly after his graduation, he accepted the combination position of principal and coach of the New Albany City Schools, where he served for a number of years.

During the month of August, 1926, news of the appointment of a new business manager for Blue Mountain College was made known. By appointment of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, then president of the college, and the trustees of the school, Mr. Buchanan began his duties as business manager.

"Mr. Buch's" thirty-ninth session in service as business manager of Blue Mountain College came to a close on May 30, 1965. At commencement exercises, he was cited by having an honorary L.L.D. degree conferred upon him, in recognition of his many years of loyal, faithful, and efficient service and in application of every duty so carefully carried out.

Mr. Buchanan has carefully looked after the services of the maintenance staff, the

dietetic staff, and the workings of the general financial budget, laboring long past office hours, daily, through his long tenure.

Through the years Mr. Buchanan has welcomed many guests to the college. He has promoted, personally, the team sports activities of each session. Since the Music Department adopted the policy of making an annual Chorus Tour instead of an Operetta Tour, he has sponsored the management of each Chorus itinerary.

In addition to his varied schedule of duties at the college, Mr. Buchanan has served as secretary of the trustees; deacon of Lowrey Memorial Church; Sunday school superintendent; Sunday school teacher; and is now head usher of the church. He has been a trustee of the Blue Mountain Public Schools, and for many years has participated in the Ripley Rotary Club, including a period of service as president.

In the recent loss of the college president, Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Mr. Buchanan, as Executive Vice-President, has fulfilled every scheduled obligation, with the capable assistance of the special Administrative Committee, the



MEMBERS OF LIBERTY CHURCH at Jefferson in Carroll County will dedicate their new \$8,500 pastor's home (pictured above) on Sunday, June 13. That Sunday will also be Homecoming Day, announces Rev. Marion Gray, pastor. Rev. Edward F. Burke, Carroll-Montgomery superintendent of missions, will be special guest speaker at 11 a.m.

123 SENIORS graduated on May 29 at William Carey College to form the largest graduating class in the history of the school. Two honorary doctorates were conferred by President J. Ralph Neekester to the honored guests, Dr. Sarah Rouse, commencement speaker, and Dr. Chester Sver, baccalaureate speaker. Dr. Rouse is an alumna of William Carey College and is now Dean of Women at Mississippi College. Dr. Chester Sver is an outstanding author and lecturer.